

**REMARKS**

At the time of the Final Office Action dated March 30, 2004, claims 1-4 and 7 were pending in this application. Of those claims, claims 1-3 have been rejected. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claims 4 and 7. Claims 1-3 have been cancelled, and Applicants submit that by the present Amendment and Remarks, this application is placed in clear condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, entry of the present Amendment and Remarks and favorable consideration are respectfully solicited.

**CLAIMS 1-3 ARE REJECTED UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103 FOR OBVIOUSNESS BASED UPON  
OCHI IN VIEW OF MITAMURA**

Claims 1-3 have been rejected; and therefore, the Examiner's rejection is moot.

Applicants have made every effort to present claims which distinguish over the prior art, and it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance. However, Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance. Accordingly, and in view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

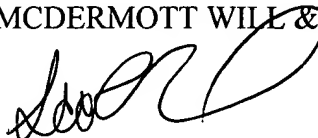
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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